MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the Government whether they have come to a conclusion that there must be some officer in Trivandrum to discharge the duties of the Museum Superintendent ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from Government whether they have considered the desirability of having a special officer to be Superintendent of the Museum ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : The matter is under consideration.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether the Government intend to appoint a Manager for the Museum and Public Gardens ?

PRESIDENT : It does not arise out of this question, which relates only to Mr. Robinson.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : May I know whether the Government have any reason to think that the administration of the Museum and Public Gardens is defective on account of the want of a permanent officer ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : In the answer to part (*d*), the word '*tappals*' is used. May I know what it means ?

PRESIDENT : It means official correspondence.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : What is the language in which it occurs ?

PRESIDENT : It is a mixture of all languages in India.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*) : Sir, the business of the House has to be transacted in English.

PRESIDENT : It is one of the ordinary words used even in British India. There is nothing very surprising about it. Any Collector in British India writes 'send my *tappals* to the camp.'

Pallivasal Power House.

438. *MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the estimated amount for the construction of the Pallivasal Power House ; and

(*b*) what amount has already been spent (till 30-7-1111) ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Rs. 1,00,000.

(*b*) Rs. 90,522-0-9.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know whether the Power House has now been completed ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

MR. K. A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Todupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : May I know, Sir, what will be the approximate amount that will be required in addition to the amount already spent for completing it ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Sir, the estimated amount for the construction of the Power House is Rs. 1 lakh; and no revised estimate has been forwarded by the Electrical Engineer.

MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Vilavankod*) : May I know what portion of the work has been completed till the date of the question ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I cannot exactly say. From the expenditure that has already been incurred, I can say it is nearly complete.

Acquisition of the Perumalkulam lands.

439. *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) With reference to the acquisition of the Perumalkulam lands in Shencotta Town, will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the lands were acquired by Government ;

(*b*) the purpose for which the lands were acquired ; and

(*c*) the cause or causes for the delay in auctioning the lands to the people ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) :

(*a*) The lands were acquired and taken possession of by Government in 1103.

(*b*) The lands were acquired at the request of the Shencotta Municipal Council for improving the sanitary condition of the Shencotta Town.

(*c*) The delay was caused by the Municipality which backed out of the original promise and proposed new terms. The Government have ordered that, since roads are necessary in the interests of the purchasers and to enhance the value of the sites, the lands in question should be auctioned only after the main roads have been laid out. The matter is under the consideration of Government.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I know whether the Government were satisfied that the lands acquired were necessary for improving the sanitary condition of the town ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): They were satisfied.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : With reference to the answer to part (*c*) of the question, may I know, Sir, when the Municipality proposed new terms at variance with the original terms ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I cannot give the exact date. At first the Municipality agreed ; but when, later on, a new President took charge of the Municipality, he backed out of the whole arrangement.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): May I know the approximate date when the new terms were proposed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I claim notice.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*) : May I know, Sir, whether the new terms were substantially different from the original, terms ?

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